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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: A. Vo
TSUNENORI SOMA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2861
Application No.: 10/772,361)	
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Filed: February 6, 2004)	
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For: LIQUID APPLICATOR AND)	
LIQUID SUPPLY METHOD TO	:	
BE USED IN LIQUID)	
APPLICATOR	:	June 21, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE
AND
STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2007, the period for response to which has been extended by the accompanying Petition for Extension Of Time.

STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

Applicant's undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Vo for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during a telephone interview conducted on June 21, 2007. A statement summarizing the interview follows.

During the interview, it was explained that the applied Ayata patent is directed to a droplet ejection apparatus usable, for example, in a photocopying apparatus. Droplets are ejected in accordance with laser pulses L_{ZP} emitted from a laser head L_{ZH}. The laser head L_{ZH} causes emission of the laser pulses L_{ZP} in accordance with electrical signals obtained from photosensor array CS, which in one embodiment (see column 19) is composed of a plurality of photoelectric transducing elements for time-sequential processing of electric signals obtained when the photocopying apparatus scans an original document.


It was therefore agreed that laser head L_{ZH} is not a liquid ejection section, that laser pulses L_{ZP}^{1/} are not liquid ejection nozzles, and that photosensor array CS is not an information recording body, as otherwise stated at page 3 of the rejection.

It was further agreed that the rejection over Ayata would be withdrawn, and such action is respectfully requested at this time.

^{1/}Page 3 of the Office Action refers to a liquid ejection nozzle "LGP". The letters "LGP" cannot be found in Ayata, and it is thought that this was a typographical error for "L_{ZP}", as explained above.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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